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CLEANUP

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Dear Concerned Citizen:

Thank you for your interest and concerns regarding cleanup of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. We appreciate your time and effort to support an effective clean up strategy for this Superfund Site.

The EPA is overseeing the work of a group of companies, known as the Lower Willamette Group (LWG), who are conducting the investigation of the Portland Harbor Superfund site. Earlier this year, the LWG developed a range of cleanup alternatives in a draft Feasibility Study that was submitted to the EPA and is available for public review. The EPA currently is reviewing this document and expects to issue comments to the LWG within approximately the next month. We will be working with the LWG to develop a final document that clearly describes and evaluates an appropriate range of cleanup options for the Harbor.

The federal Superfund law requires the Agency to select a remedial action that is protective of human health and the environment, that is cost effective, and that utilizes permanent solutions and alternative treatment technologies or resource recovery technologies to the maximum extent practicable. The Agency will be evaluating each of the alternatives in the final Feasibility Study to determine which alternative provides the best option for cleanup based on these criteria.

After an acceptable Feasibility Study is completed, the EPA will be presenting for public comment a Proposed Plan that describes the alternative that the agency believes to be the best cleanup option for Portland Harbor. I urge you to stay involved and provide your feedback on the preferred alternative. If you have any questions regarding the Portland Harbor Superfund Site, please contact our remedial project managers working on this site:

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If you would like to receive notifications regarding upcoming opportunities to participate, you can contact our Community Outreach Coordinator:

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Again, I encourage you to remain interested and involved in this Superfund Site and look forward to hearing your opinion on the Agency's Proposed Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel D. Opalski", written over the printed name.

Daniel D. Opalski
Director